

# Opportunities for Learning



At Buford Elementary School, we believe that "Today is a GREAT day to learn something new!" We strive to provide our students with positive experiences that shape their academic, social and behavioral growth. Students receive daily enrichment in literacy and math above classroom instruction to promote rigorous, real world learning opportunities. Each of these opportunities is designed to encourage our students to recognize their individual leadership and how their choices make a difference not only for themselves, but for the entire BES family. Our goal is to produce citizens that thrive and add positive depth to our community both now and as they grow into adulthood.

**"Buford Elementary School is a kind and caring place that is responsible." - Joey 4th Grader**  
Parental Support

The School Improvement Council and Parent-Teacher Organization work closely with the administration to help improve our school. Other volunteers, community members and businesses also actively support our school.

### BES Facts

Student Enrollment	768
Number of Certified Staff	48

### Average Class Size

Kindergarten—29	Third—26
First—23	Fourth—25
Second—20	Fifth—25

### Mission

The mission of BES is as easy as ABC...

- A—Achieve your goals.
- B—Believe in yourself and your ability.
- C—Challenge yourself to be your best.

### Our Beliefs

- All students can learn.
- Students' learning needs should be the primary focus of all decisions impacting the work of the school.
- Student learning is a chief priority.
- Students learn in different ways and should be provided with a variety of instructional approaches to support their learning.
- Students learn best when they are actively engaged in the learning process.
- Each student is a valued individual with unique physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs.
- A student's self-esteem is enhanced by positive relationships and mutual respect among and between staff.
- A safe and physically comfortable environment promotes student learning.
- Teachers, administrators, parents, and the community share the responsibility for advancing the school's mission.
- A positive home-school partnership is essential to the educational experiences of students.
- The use of technology is a part of student learning.



**"Today is a great day to learn something new!"**

**Buford  
 Elementary School  
 SIC/Title I Planning  
 Annual Report to  
 Parents  
 2014—2015**

**1906 North Rocky River Road  
 Lancaster, S.C. 29720**



**Tel: 803-286-0026  
 Fax: 803-286-9986**

**Andrea Ribelin, Principal  
 Susan Plyler, Assistant Principal**

### **PASS 2014**

	% Not Met	%Met	% Exemplary
ELA	15.9	38.2	45.9
Math	16.2	33.2	50.5

### **PASS 2013**

	% Not Met	%Met	% Exemplary
ELA	15.8	41.3	42.9
Math	14.7	40.2	45.1

### **PASS 2012**

	% Not Met	%Met	% Exemplary
ELA	20.5	38.1	41.4
Math	15.7	34.1	50.3

## Pop Quiz

- How many students currently qualify for free/reduced lunch?
- What is the current teacher to student ratio?
- How many B.E.S. teachers are currently Nationally Board Certified?
- What percentage of B.E.S teachers hold a graduate degree?
- How much grant money has been awarded to BES teachers?

1. 437 or 57%
2. 1:24
3. 4
4. 53.5%
5. \$16,000.00

**ANSWERS**

## Student Learning

- Math TIME
- LINKED
- Field Learning Opportunities
  - Camp Thunderbird
  - 4th Grade Swimming
  - Lancaster County Arts Performances
  - Aviation Museum
  - Aw Shucks
  - Morningside Nursing Home
  - Buford Fire Department
  - Charleston, Fort Sumter
  - Cotton Gin
  - Native American Museum
  - McLeod's Farms
  - Antioch Baptist Pumpkin Patch
  - Riverbanks Zoo
  - Children's Museum
  - Historic Brattonsville
- Guidance
  - Career Day
  - Vehicle Day
  - Lunch Buddies
  - The Physics of Hockey (with the Charlotte Checkers)
  - Safety Patrol
  - Safe Kids
  - Red Ribbon Week
  - Friendship Week
  - Carolina Panthers' Sir Purr Testing Assembly
- Lancaster County Read-In
- Chorus/Honor Choir
- Keyboard Instruction
- Recorder Instruction
- Good Behavior Game
- 20 Days of Peace
- Murals
- Art Club
- Junior Achievement
- Research Technology Lab



- Reading Coach/Interventionist
- Classworks
- Reflex Math
- Girls on the Run
- Afterschool Enrichment
- Daily 5/CAFÉ
- Scholastic Book Clubs
- Scholastic Book Fairs
- Greenhouse
- STEM
- Accelerated Reading
- PTO Performances integrated with units of study
- Veteran's Day Program
- Field Day
- Book Character Dress-Up Day
- Embryology
- Shark Dissection



Camp Thunderbird

## Teacher Learning

- Daily 5
- The CAFÉ Book
- Weekly Team Planning (PLTs)
- Vertical Team Meetings
- Data Meetings
- MAP
- DSS training
- Technology
  - Computer Lab
  - Research Lab
  - Technology Lab
  - iPad Lab
  - My Math Training
  - Classworks
  - Reflex Math
  - Senteos
  - GPS
  - SmartBoards
  - PowerTeacher Training
  - MAP Training
  - Document Cameras



- Benchmark Assessments
- Grants
  - Donor's Choice
  - J. Marion Sims
  - Research and Development
- ESOL Training
- Inclusion Training
- Literacy Training
- Dominie Assessment

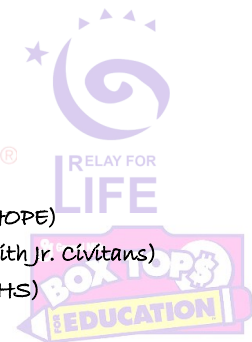
## Parent Learning

- Weekly ConnectEd
- Parent University
- Open House
- PTO Meetings
- Kindergarten Open House



## Service Learning

- Relay for Life
- Boosterthon FunRun
- American Heart Association
- United Way
- Box Tops for Education
- Labels for Education
- Can Tabs
- Food Drive (Jackie's Place and HOPE)
- Back Pack Program (Teamed with Jr. Civitans)
- Teacher Cadets (Teamed with BHS)
- Reading Buddies
- Ink Cartridge Collection
- Pen Pals



### BES SIC members:

Andrea Ribelin	Robin Jewett
Susan Plyler	Kathy Stepp
Patricia Patterson	Nancy Bundy
Yolanda Clyburn	Terry Cauthen
Tara McCormick—Chair	